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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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3 July 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

[Redacted]

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Chairman

SUBJECT: Request for Senate Chamber Technical Evaluation

Attached is a response to the request of the Senate Sergeant at Arms for a technical evaluation of the Senate Chamber and advice on securing the Chamber. The referral of the request to the FBI-chaired Technical Advisory Group was discussed with [Redacted] who indicated the DDCI would favor that approach. If you approve, please forward the letter to Mr. Smith. Perhaps [Redacted] could deliver it.

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Mr. Larry E. Smith
Sergeant at Arms
United States Senate
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
Room S-321, The Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Smith:

Because of the possibility that sensitive intelligence information might be discussed in the Senate Chamber during closed sessions, the Security Committee shares your concern about the Chamber's technical security. The Committee is eager to assist to the full extent of its capabilities and authorities.

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The protection of the technical integrity of the Capitol Building is essentially an internal security matter, subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Several months ago, in response to U.S. Capitol Police requests for aid, we established a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), chaired by an FBI agent, to ensure Intelligence Community support to FBI efforts to assist the Legislative Branch in enhancing Capitol Hill security. Certain recommendations made by the FBI in coordination with TAG have been implemented and others are being considered.

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By copy of this memorandum, I request Mr. Ernest Terrazas of the FBI, Chairman of TAG, to conduct a technical assessment of the Senate Chamber and provide advice on measures to protect it from technical surveillance by foreign intelligence services or other hostile entities. This task should be undertaken as expeditiously as possible.

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I trust that the FBI, with Intelligence Community support, will be able to advise and assist in protecting sensitive national security information from technical vulnerabilities that may exist in the Capitol Building. Please advise if the Security Committee can be of further assistance.

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Sincerely,

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Chairman

cc: Mr. Ernest Terrazas
Chairman, Technical Advisory Group

Chairman, Technical Surveillance
Countermeasures Subcommittee

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Mr. Lloyd E. Dean
FBI Member, DCI Security Committee

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